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Mr. Ted Trief
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Re: Bang Lin

Dear Mr. Trief,

I am the Mary Weinfeld Professor of Clinical Research in Hemophilia, a chaired faculty at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and am board-certified in Internal Medicine and Hematology. I was actively involved in the research of the epidemiology of HIV and Hepatitis B and C in hemophilia and transfusion recipients supported by the CDC and the National Institutes of Health. I have reviewed the medical records of Bang Lin from his treating physician, Dr. Kam, as well as the deposition transcript of the Dr. Kam.

Commencing in September 5, 1998, Mr. Lin treated with Dr. Kam for Hepatitis B. Hepatitis B is common among the Asian population and is often vertically transmitted from mother to child. A large number of Asians infected with Hepatitis B spontaneously recover from the condition, and a large number are treated successfully.

Although the etiology of Mr. Lin's Hepatitis B is unclear, his diagnosis is. He began treatment with Dr. Kam. Dr. Kam prescribed interferon therapy for Mr. Lin beginning in September 1998. Interferon was the accepted treatment for Hepatitis B at that time. The interferon treatment ended on about February 6, 1999. Dr. Kam continued to monitor Mr. Lin through regular lab testing until 2005. Mr. Lin expired on August 11, 2006 as a result of contracting stomach cancer. His death was completely unrelated to his diagnosis of Hepatitis B.

Mr. Lin's lab test results over the period of time that he was treated and monitored by Dr. Kam verify that he was, indeed, as Dr. Kam informed the patient, successfully treated and cured of Hepatitis B. After being treated with interferon, on November 14, 1998, Mr. Lin showed a conversion of Hepatitis B antigen from positive to negative, demonstrating that his condition had been successfully treated and he no longer had an active infection. This is verified in the lab results and handwritten medical records from Dr. Kam on that date.

Significantly, after treatment, Mr. Lin's lab markers showed a consistent trend of normal liver function and negative HBV DNA results, indicating that his Hepatitis B was no longer active and thus had no impact on his longevity or survival. The HBV DNA test results, such as in February 19, 2003 and February 7, 2004, although minimally elevated, are within the realm of testing error, and because of the low concentration and lack of clinical significance, are to be considered as negative.

Additionally, ultrasounds in 1998 and 2004, as well as a normal alpha feto protein test on September 5, 1998, and consistently normal blood counts, indicate that Mr. Lin was not suffering from cirrhosis or liver cancer during the period of his continued follow-up.

I concur with the course of treatment prescribed by Dr. Kam and his subsequent conclusion, as he stated to the patient, that he was successfully treated and cured. Mr. Lin's clinical condition, response to therapy, and normal lab results (including minimally elevated laboratory test results within the range of lab error), indicated that he was successfully treated and needed no further intervention. Mr. Lin's prognosis with respect to his longevity was not reduced by his successful treatment for Hepatitis B.

I hold the above opinions to a reasonable degree of medical certainty.

Sincerely,

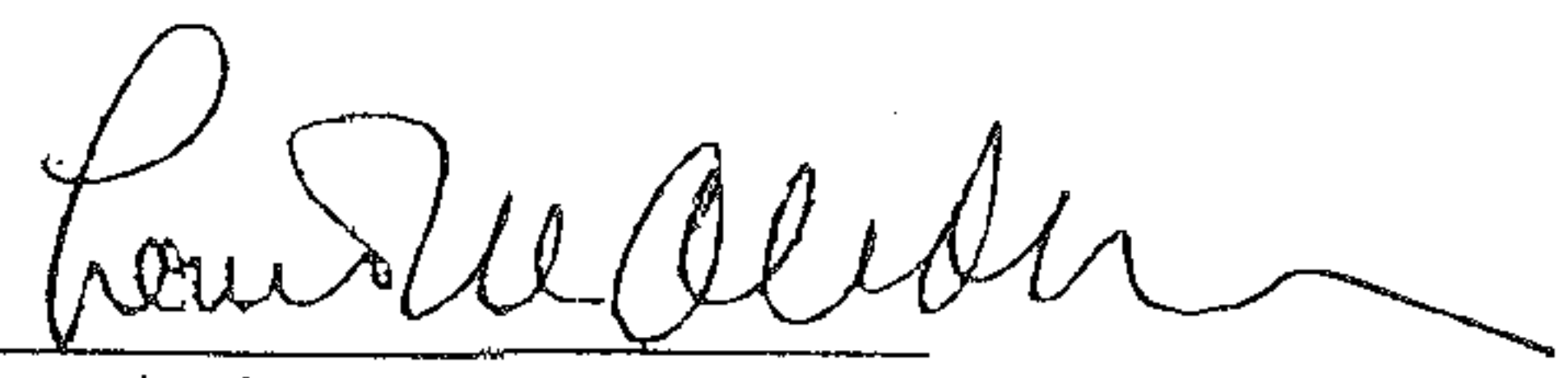


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I hereby attest that the facts and opinions contained in my narrative report dated March 12, 2008 regarding Bang Lin are my own and are held to a reasonable degree of medical certainty.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury on this 29 day of April 2008.



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Curriculum Vitae

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Education & Training:

Queens College of the City of New York, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry	1951-1955
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York Doctor of Medicine	1955-1959
Intern, Internal Medicine, University of Virginia Hospital	1959-1960
Resident, Internal Medicine, University of Virginia	1960-1961
Associate Resident in Internal Medicine, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York	1963-1964
Hematology Fellowship, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York	1964-1966

Licensure:

Licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York
New York State License #90221 Date issue: January 1, 1966
Certification, Board of Hematology #24532, 1972
Certification, Board of Internal Medicine #24532, 1966

Other Academic Positions:

1961-1963 Raphael	NIAMD, Bethesda, Maryland	Clinical Associate with Dr. Shulman, Hematology Division (USPHS Sr. Asst. Surgeon)
1964-1966	University of Rochester Rochester, New York	Instructor in Medicine Medical School, Fellow in Hematology, Associate Physician
1966-1967	The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, New York	Research Assistant in Hematology
1966-1967	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Associate in Medicine
1967-1973	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Assistant Professor in Medicine
1967-1973	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Assistant Attending in Medicine
1973-1979	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Associate Professor in Medicine
1973-1979	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Associate Attending in Medicine
1975-1988	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Vice Chairman, Dept. of Medicine
1979	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Professor in Medicine
1979	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Attending in Medicine
1979	Cornell University Medical College New York, New York	Adjunct Professor in Medicine
1988-1994	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	Dean for Faculty & Hospital Affairs
1993-present	Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, New York	The Mary Weinfeld Professor of Clinical Research in Hemophilia
1999-present	New School University	Scientist-in-Residence

Major Positions:

1966-1978	Director, Coagulation Laboratory, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York
1966-1976	Director, Student Health, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York
1969-1983	Medical Director, National Hemophilia Foundation
1970-1980	Medical Secretary, World Federation of Hemophilia
1972-1997	Director of International Hemophilia Training Center at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York
1974-1979	Executive Secretary, Policy Board, Persantine Aspirin Refraction Study
1975-1983	American Society of Hematology, Public Information Committee

1975-1985	Advisory Panel, House, Ways and Means Committee on National Health Insurance
1975-1983	Permanent Seat, American Blood Commission
1975-1977	Vice President, American Blood Commission
1975-1980	Panel on Review of Blood and Blood Derivatives, FDA panel member
1975-1980	Executive Committee, American Blood Commission
1977-1980	Medical Advisory Board, American National Red Cross
1978-1979	Secretary, American Blood Commission
1978-1983	Plasma and Plasma Products Committee, American Blood Commission
1980-1986	Blood Consultant, World Health Organization
1980-1984	Executive Secretary, Policy Board, Persantine Aspirin Reinfraction Study II
1982-1986	Clinical Practice Committee, American Society of Hematology
1983-1993	Chairman, Committee on Practice, American College of Physicians
1983-	Member, Board of Directors, Scientific Advisory Committee, Vice President, Irvington Institute for Immunological Research
1984-1986	Chairman, International Hemophilia Training Centers of the World Federation of Hemophilia
1986-1988	Vice President, Faculty Practice Associates, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
1986-	Co-Chairman, International Congress on Thrombosis and Hemostasis, Subcommittee on Factor VIII & IX
1986-	Member, International Congress on Thrombosis and Hemostasis, Subcommittee on von Willebrand's Disease
1987-1993	Chairman, Committee of Practice, American Society of Hematology
1987-1988	Public Education Committee, American Society of Hematology
1988-1993	Member, Committee on Public Information and Governmental Affairs, American Society of Hematology
1990-1993	Member, Committee on Practice, American College of Physicians
1993-	Chairman, Fellowship Committee, Irvington Institute for Immunological Research
1994-	Member, Education Committee, American Society of Hematology
1994-1998	Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee, World Federation of Hemophilia
1994-	Editorial Advisory Board, Hemophilia
1995-	Member, Advisory Board, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HHS
1996-	Scientific Advisor, American National Red Cross
1997-	Member, Professional Advisory Committee, Visiting Nurse Service of New York
1997-	Member, Medical and High Tech Advisory Committee, Visiting Nurse Service of New York
1997-	Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, Nabi
1997-	Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
1995-2000	Member, Borough of Tenaflly (NJ) Department of Health
1998-2000	President, Borough of Tenaflly (NJ) Department of Health
2000-present	Councilor, American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, Downstate I Manhattan North Council
2000-present	District President, American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, Downstate I Manhattan North
2003-present	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Current Hematology Reports</i>
2003-present	Member, Board of Governors, Eugene Lang College of New School University
2003-2006	Member, Editorial Board, <i>American Journal of Hematology</i>
2007-present	Associate Editor, <i>Haemophilia</i>

Professional Activities:

1969-1970	President, Albert Einstein College of Medicine Alumni
1970-1972	Alumni Council, Yeshiva University
1972-1983	Testify before: House, Ways and Means Committee Senate and House Health Subcommittee Foreign and Interstate Commerce Committee
1972	Hemophilia Liaison to WHO

1972-1973	Task Force, NHLI - Coagulation
1972-1973	Task Force on Medically Important Problems, NIGMS
1974-1975	Ad Hoc Committee for Establishment of American Blood Commission, HEW
1974-1975	Task Force on Synthesis of Factor VIII, NHLI
1974-1975	Task Force on Factor VIII Inhibitors, NHL
1974-1975	Task Force on Factor IX, FDA/NHLI
1974-1975	Task Force on Animal Models, National Academy of Sciences, NRC, ILAR
1974-1975	Coordinator, Workshop on VIII-Carrier Detection, NHLI
1974-1978	Chairman, Committee on International Conservation of Blood Resources, WFH
1974-1975	Factor VIII Subcommittee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis
1975-1976	Coordinator, Hemophilia Education Program, NHLI/OPCE
1976-1976	New York Advisory Committee, ACP-Governor Downstate Region 1
1976-1976	Chairman, Workshop on Complications of Hemophilia, NHLI, FDA, NHF
1976-1976	Advisory Committee, Public Law #94-63, HSA
1976-1976	Advisory Committee, Implementation of Public Law #94-31, NHLI
1976-1980	Standing Committee on Blood and Blood Component Utilization, ABC
1976-1977	Hematology Consultant, PSRO
1976-1976	Member, Technical Advisory Board of the Booz-Allen Hemophilia Study
1976-1977	Member, Advisory Board of the HSA Hemophilia Program
1979-1981	Search Committee, University of Rochester, Hemophilia Center Medical Director
1979-1981	Search Committee, NHF Executive Director
1979-1988	Editorial Advisory Board, Primary Cardiology
1979-1983	US/USSR Exchange Program - Problem Area 6, NHLBI
1981-1984	Member, Genetic Disease Review and Advisory Committee of the HSA
1981-1985	Member, Blood Diseases and Resources Advisory Committee of the NHLBI
1981-1986	Member, Expert Advisory Panel on Human Blood Products and Related Substances
1982-1992	Editorial Advisory Board, Hospital Practice
1982-1986	Secretary of Health Task Force on Auto Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
1983-1986	Editorial Board, AIDS Research
1983-	NHLBI Task Force on Auto Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
1984-1987	Member, ICTH Subcommittee on Factor VIII and von Willebrand Factor
1985-1990	Member, Committee on Health and Public Policy
1986-1990	Working Group, Medical, Social and Health Policy Implications of Screening Tests for Anti-HIV, AIDS Institute
1987-	Subcommittee on vWF, ICTH
1987-	Subcommittee on Factor VIII and IX, ICTH
1987-	Consultant Field Reader, Office of Orphan Products Development, Department of Health and Human Services
1987-	Member, Local Arrangements Committee of the American College of Physicians.
1989-	Member, Legislation Committee of the American Society of Internal Medicine
1994-	Member, Subcommittee on Factor VIII and IX, International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis
1994-	Member, Medical Advisory Board, World Federation of Hemophilia
1994-	Data Monitoring Committees:
	PARIS Study
	Recombinant VIII (Chairman)
	PCR for Biologics
	Activated Prothrombin Complex Materials for the Treatment of Antibodies
	HIV Vaccine and Viral Titres
	Factor IX Products and Viral Safety in PUPs
1996-	Member, Internal Advisory Committee, Gene Therapy Hemophilia B
2001	Frederick Stohlman Jr. MD Visiting Professor, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston
2001-present	Member, Program Coordinating Committee, American College of Physicians
2002-present	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Thrombosis Journal</i>
2002-present	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Current Hematology Reports</i>

Professional Membership:

1968- American Society of Hematology
1968- New York Society for the Study of Blood
1968- International Society of Hematology
1968- American Physiological Society
1970- Fellow of the American College of Physicians, #00017342
1971- Council on Thrombosis, American Heart Association
1976- American Association for the Advancement of Science

Review for Following Journals:

Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine
Blood
Circulation
Medical Letter
Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine
Thrombosis Research
Annals of Internal Medicine
American Journal of Cardiology
New England Journal of Medicine
American Journal of Medical Genetics
Thrombosis and Hemostasis
Mount Sinai Journal
American Dental Assistants Association
American Journal of Medicine
Journal of Infectious Diseases
Haemophilia

Awards and Honors:

1983 Alpha Therapeutic Award
1984 Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Medicine Service Award
1984 NHF Murray Thelin Science Award
1986 Festschrift, presented by NHF, proclaimed "Lou Aledort Day"
1990 Mount Sinai Medical Center, Dept. of Nursing Life Time Achievement Award
1991 Solomon Berson Award
1998 Tribute Symposium: National, Cultural, and Economic Considerations Affecting Diagnostic and Treatment Practices in Hemophilia Throughout the Americas: A Pan-Caribbean Conference; San Juan, Puerto Rico
2004 Mastership, American College of Physicians
2005 Laureate Award, American College of Physicians, NY Chapter

Academic Activities:

Transfusion Committee
Patient Care Committee
Internship Committee
Semi-Private Committee
Attendings Committee
House Staff Integration Committee
Medical Service Plan Advisory Council
Academic Council Committee on Promotions (Medical Students)
Unit Management
Search Committee for Spinal Cord Injury Center (Bronx VA)
VA Dean's Committee
Academic Council Committee on Promotions
Chart Review Committee
House Staff Evaluation Committee

Ward Billing Committee
Private Ambulatory Care Model
Patient Scheduling Committee
Nurse Retention and Recruitment Task Force
Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review Use of 10% Special Fund
Ad Hoc Committee on Research and Educational Resources
Ad Hoc Committee to Review Anesthesiology Residency Program
Surveillance Committee
Clinical Standards Committee
Clinical Advisory Committee
Code of Behavior Committee
Teaching Committee
Moonlighting Committee
Executive Committee of the Association of the Attending Staff
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